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SUBJECT: WEST GERMANY: CONSERVATIVES MAKE FURTHER GAINS IN  
STATE ELECTIONS

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YESTERDAY'S ELECTIONS IN HESSE AND BAVARIA RESULTED IN FURTHER  
CONSERVATIVE GAINS AT THE EXPENSE OF CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT'S  
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE SMALL FREE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF  
FOREIGN MINISTER <sup>G</sup>ENSCHER.

WHILE THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC-FREE DEMOCRATIC COALITION IN  
HESSE HAS MANAGED BY A NARROW MARGIN TO RETAIN CONTROL OF THE STATE  
GOVERNMENT, STATE LEADERS CAN TAKE LITTLE COMFORT FROM THE STEADY  
EROSION OF SUPPORT IN THIS TRADITIONAL SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC STRONG-  
HOLD. THE CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION, AS EXPECTED,  
EMERGED THE STRONGEST SINGLE PARTY IN THE STATE FOR THE FIRST TIME.  
CREDIT FOR HAVING AVOIDED MORE SERIOUS LOSSES SHOULD GO TO CHANCELLOR  
SCHMIDT, WITHOUT WHOSE STRONG NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONTROL OF THE

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STATE GOVERNMENT COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN LOST.

IN BOTH HESSE AND BAVARIA SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LOSSES INCLUDED DEFEATS IN URBAN AREAS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CENTERS OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT. IN STRONGLY CONSERVATIVE BAVARIA, SCHMIDT'S PARTY RECEIVED LESS THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE VOTE TOTAL. E2 IMPDET.H

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